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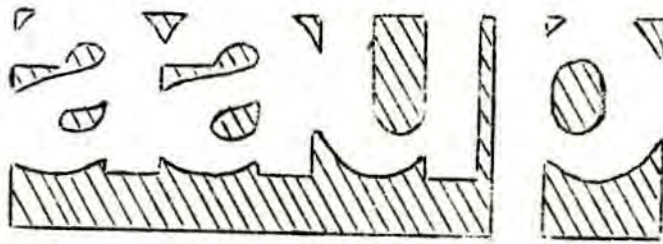
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During the first working week of the Fall semester, all members of the teaching faculty will be called upon to elect the initial members of the Western Kentucky University Faculty Senate. This is indeed an important occasion in the life of the University.

Briefly stated, the duty of the Senate will be to act as a forum for the concerns and interests of the teaching faculty in all areas that affect their well being. The Senate can generate its own topics for discussion and recommendation as well as act on those submitted to it by the President. While there has been a steady improvement in communication between the faculty and the administration on this campus, the Senate represents the first opportunity for the faculty to express its opinion in an organized way.

There is little doubt that the first Senate will face questions which will set important precedents for the future. Issues such as rotating departmental chairpersons, tenure, promotion and faculty participation in University economic and long range planning matters will undoubtedly arise. Wise deliberation and counsel by the Senate will be necessary for the University to make progress in these areas.

Therefore, all members of the faculty should recognize their responsibility during these important elections. First, for the Faculty Senate to demonstrate that it truly represents the teaching faculty, a large faculty turnout for departmental and at-large elections is necessary. No faculty member should miss these elections. Secondly, each must give thought to the election of the very best people in their department and college, people who will represent ideas and opinions with verve in the Senate.

It would seem obvious then, that unless the Faculty Senate is filled with our best spokespersons, and unless they represent a supportive faculty, the chances for the success of the Senate will be diminished.